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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1311

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BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Court Information on Domestic Relations Cases.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Noe

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires that, in the Indiana judicial reports, information concerning domestic relations cases be separated into: (1) actions for dissolution of marriage; (2) actions for legal separation; and (3) petitions to establish child support; and that information be provided for each of the categories.

Effective Date: July 1, 2010.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Background– The Supreme Court establishes the case types in Administrative Rule 8.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Currently, statistics on marriage dissolutions, legal separation, and petitions to establish child support are included in the “Domestic Relations” case category that is reported in the *Indiana Judicial Report*. The *Judicial Report* also includes filings for reciprocal support, which includes actions for reciprocal enforcement of child support and applications for the modification of support of custody.

LSA examined the number of domestic relations and reciprocal support cases that each county received in CY 2008 and estimated the weekly number of filings in the following table. More than 70 counties have generally fewer than ten filings each week and should be able to implement this requirement. How well counties with a larger number of filings could implement this requirement will depend on the computer system that the local courts use, their current workload, and the number of filings each county receives.

Average Weekly Number of Domestic Relations and Reciprocal Support Filings by Frequency, CY 2008					
Fewer than 5	More than or Equal to 5 or less than 10	More than or Equal to 10 and less than 25	More than or Equal to 25 and less than 50	More than or Equal to 50 and less than 75	More than 100
50	22	15	3	1	1

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Division of State Court Administration.

Local Agencies Affected: Clerks of the circuit court; Trial courts with domestic relations jurisdiction.

Information Sources: Lilia Judson, Executive Director, Division of State Court Administration, Indiana Supreme Court; 2008 *Indiana Judicial Report*.

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